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ZJUSTICE DEPARTMENT REVIEWING CASEY'S ROLE AS FOREIGN AGENT

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WASHINGTON (AP) - THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION IS REVIEWING WHETHER CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM J. CASEY VIOLATED THE LAW BY NOT REGISTERING AS A FOREIGN AGENT WHILE REPRESENTING INDONESIA IN 1976; GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID FRIDAY.

CASEY THUS BECOMES THE THIRD TOP OFFICIAL OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WHOSE AFFAIRS ARE BEING STUDIED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHETHER A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR SHOULD BE NAMED. THE OTHER TWO ARE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER RICHARD ALLEN AND LABOR SECRETARY RAY DONOVAN.

CASEY'S CASE WAS REFERRED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK BY THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE. ACTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, D-N.Y., SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE WHETHER CASEY SHOULD HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT AND THAT DETERMINATION SHOULD "APPROPRIATELY BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE."

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TOM DECAIR HAD NO COMMENT ON WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD DONE WITH THE SENATE REPORT, SAYING "WE DON'T COMMENT IN ANY WAY ON INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS."

BUT ONE DEPARTMENT SOURCE SAID: "THE REPORT WAS REFERRED TO THE CRIMINAL DIVISION FOR REVIEW." ANOTHER SOURCE, ALSO ASKING ANONYMITY, SAID THE DIVISION WAS TRYING TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE EVIDENCE ENOUGH TO INVOKE THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ACT.

THIS SOURCE SAID THE REVIEW WAS SIMILAR TO THAT DONE ON WHETHER ALLEN'S RECEIPT OF \$1,000 FROM TWO JAPANESE JOURNALISTS REQUIRED A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR. THE DEPARTMENT DECIDED THERE WAS NO CRIMINAL EVIDENCE REGARDING THE CASH EPISODE; BUT IT IS STILL LOOKING INTO QUESTIONS WHICH SPUN OFF THE CASE, INCLUDING ALLEN'S ACCEPTANCE OF TWO WATCHES AND MISSTATEMENTS ON HIS GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE